

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: **Howard TANNER et al.**

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE SURGICAL REPAIR OF ANEURYSMS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title of the above-identified patent application to the following:

--AN INTRODUCER SHEATH FOR USE DURING A SURGICAL PROCEDURE--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 82 and 87 as follows:

82. (Amended) An introducer sheath device for use during a surgical procedure for introducing surgical components into a vessel into a patient, said introducer sheath device comprising:

a housing having a passageway that accommodates the passage of the surgical components therein;